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CRITERIA QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INCORPORATION

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1. a) Why is incorporation necessary or desirable at this time?

1. So that village citizens would have one government body to deal with.
2. Unfair taxation without benefit as road tax payed by village residents with zero dollars returning to village for roads.
3. Village is supplying police services as county is notable to service area inadequately without compensation by the township.

b) Have you reviewed other alternatives that might accomplish your goals without incorporation? Yes

We tried to work with the township on multiple issues including road millage and police protection. We tried to come up with a fair and equitable cost sharing solution with no resolution after multiple negotiation meetings.

c) What are these alternatives?

1. Allowing village a share of road tax money
2. Cost sharing of Police department
3. Change 2/3 cost share by village on joint projects.

d) Were they rejected? Yes

e) If so, why?

Township was unwilling to negotiate in good faith on these issues.

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2. a) If incorporation is accomplished, will the existing land use change? No

b) If yes, how will it change? N/A

c) How soon can this change be expected? N/A

3. a) What governmental services are currently being provided to the area proposed for incorporation?

95% Water - Sewer - Electric

b) From which jurisdiction?

Village of Sebewaing

4. If the Boundary Commission expanded the area to be considered for the proposed incorporation, what governmental services are currently being provided to that area? (Answer only if you know or provide as much information as you know) Most of the area is covered by these services currently:

Sanitary Sewer

Water

Electricity - Village light and water dept.

Waste management & recycling

5. a) What new or additional governmental services do you expect to be made available if the Village is incorporated as a city? None

b) Are these services available without incorporation? Yes

c) From which jurisdiction? Village of Sebewaing

d) Under what conditions? Allowed by village to be connected to services and some parcels are required by the health department to connect to village services

6. If the petition is denied, what would be the impact on the village, the township, and the greater community?

Unfair collection of road tax without benefit to the village tax payers

7. If incorporation is denied by the electorate, what would be the impact on the village, the township, and the greater community? Same as 6

8. If incorporation is approved by the electorate, what would be the impact on the proposed city, the township, and the greater community?

It would allow the village to become a home rule city. It would allow the new formed City of Sebewaing to be an independent political entity, governed by it's charter according to the dictates of it's own citizens.

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